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SUBJ: DELAY IN RECEIVING CLEARANCE FOR ITT PRIVATE FLIGHT

REF : TEHRAN A-118, JULY 16, 1973

1. AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION (AOPA) HAS CONTACTED DEPT. FOR ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING WHY PERMISSION FOR A PRIVATE FLIGHT TO IRAN OCT. 1 BY INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH'S BOEING 727, US REG. NO. N320HG WAS NOT GRANTED UNTIL DATE FLIGHT WAS TO OPERATE. PER INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT INFORMATION MANUAL (IFIM) AOPA CABLED REQUEST FOR FLIGHT PERMIT TO CIVIL AIR TEHRAN, SEPT. 21 WITH PREPAID REPLY. CIVIL AIR CABLED AOPA SEPT. 24 ASKING PURPOSE OF FLIGHT: AOPA ADVISED BY CABLE SAME DAY THAT PURPOSE WAS "TOURISM, COMPANY CONFERENCES, REFUELING." CIVIL AIR CABLED AOPA OCT. 1 (DATE FLIGHT WAS TO ARRIVE TEHRAN) CONFIRMING CLEARANCE GRANTED. IN ABSENCE IRANIAN CLEARANCE, ITT HAD TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TRANSPORT PERSONNEL ON SCHEDULED AIRLINE, CAUSING THEM TO ARRIVE LATE FOR BUSINESS MEETINGS IN NEW DELHI.

2. AOPA EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT DELAY IN THEIR RECEIVING NOTIFICATION MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO SOME CHANGE IN IRANIAN
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PROCEDURES OF WHICH ORGANIZATION UNAWARE. DEPT. NOTED

REFAIR INDICATED IFIM CURRENT WITH REGARD TO PROCEDURES
RELATING TO PRIVATE FLIGHTS AND THESE APPARENTLY COMPLIED

WITH BY AOPA.

3. APPRECIATE EMBASSY DISCREETLY ASCERTAINING FROM
APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS REASON FOR DELAY IN GRANTING
CLEARANCE AND CONFIRMING PROCEDURES FOR CLEARANCE OF
PRIVATE FLIGHTS STATED IN IFIM ARE CURRENT. KISSINGER

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